

## House Resolution No. 3071

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who have admirably dedicated an exceptional amount of time and energy to ensuring that their young charges are able to study in learning environments which are both challenging and rewarding; and

**Whereas**, Teresa Ann Kester of Gladstone has attained considerable distinction as a teacher at Eastgate Middle School in the North Kansas City School District, a vocational calling which she will draw to a close on May 28, 2004, in retirement after thirty years of service; and

**Whereas**, an eighth-grade mathematics teacher for the past eighteen years, Teresa Kester previously taught junior high algebra, ninth-grade geometry, and sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade reading; and

**Whereas**, Teresa Kester has had the unusual opportunity to teach in every classroom at Eastgate over the course of her three decades there; and

**Whereas**, a member of various committees and an Impact Trained Leader, Teresa Kester fulfilled an influential role in developing the first Middle School organization and the Extended Day Program for the North Kansas City School District; and

**Whereas**, Teresa Kester prepared for her educational career by graduating from Raytown High School in 1970 and earning a Master of Arts degree in 1974 and a Master in Education degree in 1982 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City; and

**Whereas**, Teresa Kester has helped enhance the professionalism of her field through membership in the National Education Association and its North Kansas City chapter; and

**Whereas**, in addition to her educational activities, Teresa Kester has been deeply involved with Hillside Christian Church for twenty-one years, during which time she taught Sunday school, worked in the nursery, and was a Deaconess; a Bridge group for twenty-eight years; and the Christian Business Women's Club, which she served as Bible study leader and member of the Board; and

**Whereas**, Teresa Kester is the beloved wife of Fred Kester, whom she married twenty-five years ago on March 17, 1979; the mother of twenty-four-year-old Matt and twenty-year-old Sarah; and the grandmother of Haylee, who will be three in June:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and career achievements garnered by Teresa Kester down through the years and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Teresa Ann Kester of Gladstone, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Trent Skaggs  
District No. 31

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3071, adopted May 13, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker